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Calling all texters

Text messaging is the way smart people keep in touch. So don't be dumb, be a text maniac!

Texting is a new language that uses letters, numbers, symbols and punctuation marks to create shorthand messages. It's a great way to send messages to friends on your mobile and by e-mail too.

Top secret

Texting is the ideal way to send secret information, because nobody can hear you when you type.

We don't recommend it of course, but we understand that it has replaced passing notes as a way of commenting on fascinating lessons or making plans for after school.

It's cheap too

Text messaging is cheap for you and your friends. You won't spend hours on the phone chatting, and it's cheaper than typing messages in full. The fewer letters and spaces you use between words, the speedier and less expensive your messages are to send and receive.

Ready, steady, text...

It's easy to get texting. Although mobile phones vary, they all have a messaging service and it's simple to use.

Getting started

1. On your mobile's keypad, open the menu of options.
2. Scroll to "Messages" and select it.
3. In the Messages menu you will find an option called something like "Create" or "Message Editor".
4. When you select this option, you should be ready to start typing your message.

Letters, symbols and numbers

Use the letters, numbers, symbols and punctuation marks shown on the keys to write your message. Each key represents more than one letter and symbol, and you can use both upper case (capital) letters and lower case (little) letters. You'll need to press a key repeatedly until the letter you want appears. When it does, press the **#** key to stop the letter flashing and move on to the next letter.

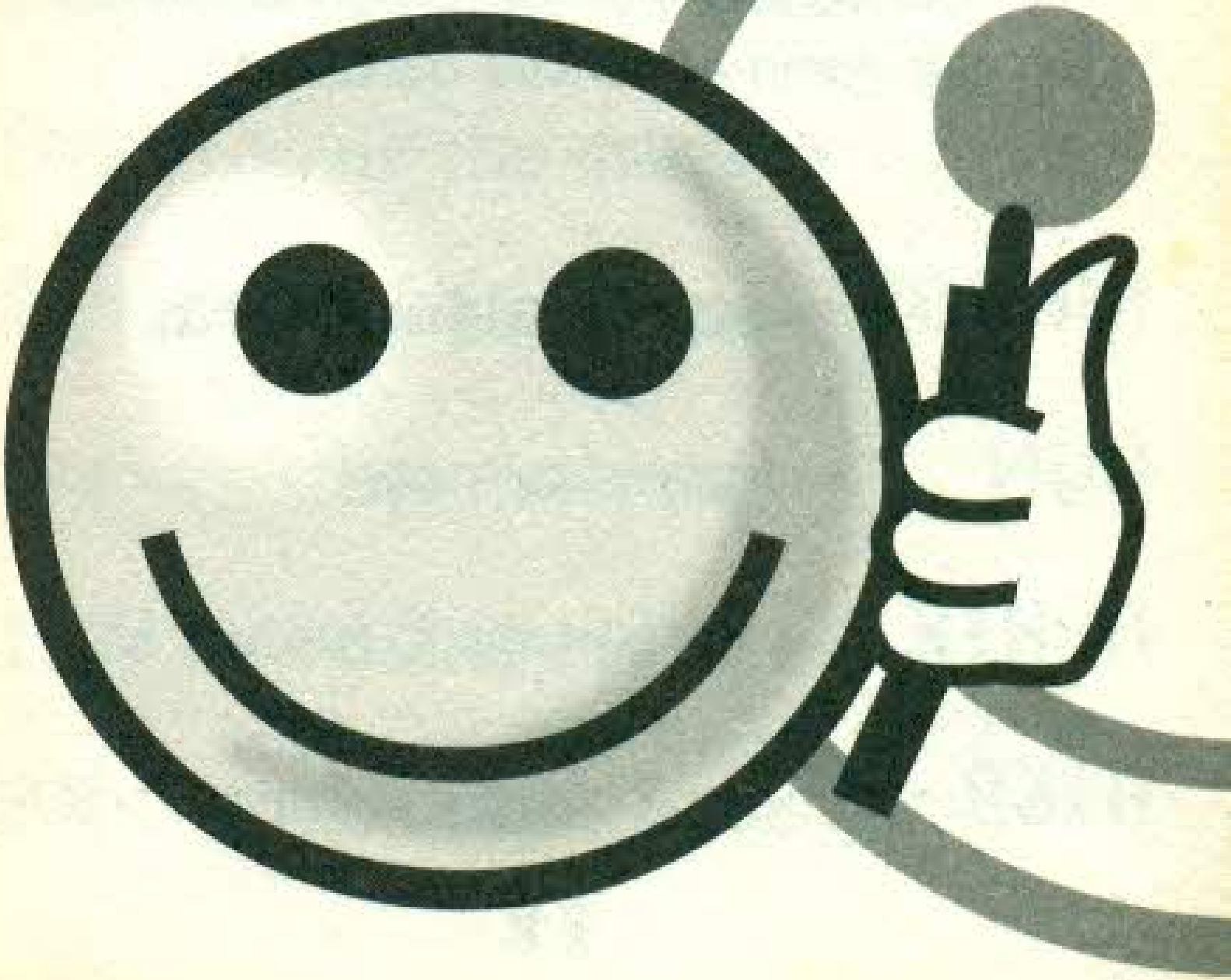
When your text message is complete, press OK to send it.

Be safe

Text messaging is meant to be fun, but make sure it's safe too.

- Always make sure that you know the person you are text messaging, and never make arrangements to meet people you don't know.
- Text messaging is a cheap way of using your mobile phone, but don't get carried away and risk a huge telephone bill.
- Don't send really rude messages. People will know who they are from and, anyway, you should respect your friends.

Fun for fast talkers



Fun for fast talkers

People in a hurry use "acronyms". These are made up of the first letters of words in well known phrases. Here are some essential acronyms.

AAMOF	as a matter of fact
ADN	any day now
AFAIK	as far as I know
AISB	as I said before

AKA	also known as
ASAP	as soon as possible
ATM	at the moment
BBL	be back later
BFN	bye for now
BION	believe it or not
BRB	be right back

BTA	but then again
BTDT	been there, done that
BTW	by the way
CMB	call me back
ETA	estimated time of arrival
FICCL	frankly, I couldn't care less
GG	good game

HAND have a nice day

IAC in any case

IDK I don't know

IMO in my opinion

IOOH I'm out of here

IOW in other words

IYDKIDKWD
if you don't know, I don't know who does

IYKWIM if you know what I mean

IYSS if you say so

LMK let me know

LOL laughing out loud

MFI mad for it

MYOB mind your own business

NAGI not a good idea

OTOH	on the other hand
PAW	parents are watching
PCM	please call me
ROTFL	rolling on the floor laughing
SAL	such a laugh
SOHF	sense of humour failure
TMB	text me back

TTFN	ta ta for now
TTYL	talk to you later
TYVM	thank you very much
WFM	works for me
YKWYCD	you know what you can do
YYSSW	yeah, yeah, sure, sure, whatever

Teach yourself txt tlk

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The trick to texting is to use as few letters and spaces as possible. It's all about creating short cuts. So, remember, keep it brief.

Tips and tricks

Here are some tips and tricks for creating your own text messages.

- Start each new word with a capital letter.

- Make words as short as you can. For example, weekend becomes Wknd.

- Why use a word when a letter or number will do? For example, in text talk you becomes U and later becomes L8r.

- A capital letter also means a long sound in a word. So, baby becomes BAB.

- A capital letter in the middle of a word can also mean a double letter, so bubble becomes BuBl.

It's easier than it sounds, and practice will make you the fastest texter around.

Texters' essentials

Here are some essential short cuts and abbreviations for texters:

B	be
BCNU	be seeing you
Bwd	backward
B4	before
C	see

ChLYa!	chill ya!
CU	see you
CUL8r	see you later
Doin	doing
Fwd	forward
F2F	face to face
F2T	free to talk

Gr8	great
Gonna	going to
IH8U	I hate you
IU2U	it's up to you
LkIt	like it
Luv	love
L8	late
L8r	later

Mob	mobile
Msg	message
M8	mate
NE	any
NE1	anyone
NO1	no one
Nt2Nite	not tonight
N1!	nice one!

OIC oh, I see

On4It on for it

Pls please

R are

RUOK? are you OK?

RUThr? are you there?

RUTlkn2Me? are you talking to me?

RUUp4It? are you up for it?

Sec second

ST2MoRo same time tomorrow

Sum1 someone

TA4N that's all for now

ThnQ thank you

Thnx thanks

TUVM	thank you very much
U	you
Up4It	up for it
UR	you are
Wan2	want to
Wan2Tlk?	want to talk?
W/	with

Wknd weekend

WsUuuuu? what's up?

W8 wait

W84Me wait for me

WerRU? where are you?

XLnt excellent

Ya you, or your

1daful	wonderful
2	to, too
2day	today
2moRo	tomorrow
2nite	tonight
4	for
24/7	twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week

Emoticons XprS YasIf

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When you talk to your friends they can see from your face whether you are happy, sad or joking. Tell them you never want to see them again while winking and they will know you probably don't mean it. When you are talking to them on the phone, the tone of your voice helps them guess your mood.

Say it like you mean it

It's harder for people to tell what mood yo are in from a text message. So texters use "emoticons" to show what they're feeling.

These are faces made from the letters, numbers, symbols and punctuation marks that you'll find on your keyboard.
Put emoticons at the end of sentences to indicate how you're feeling. They take up very little space, can be keyed in seconds, and they could make the difference between a lasting friendship and all out war.

Smiley faces

The basic smiley face emoticon :-) is made from a colon, a dash and a close bracket. When you turn it 90°, it becomes a smile.

Face it

Here are some basic emoticons to use in your messages. Some have more than one meaning, so it depends on what you use them for.

Don't panic!

If your phone doesn't have all the symbols used in this book, don't panic. You will probably have most of them, and your computer will have all of them, so you can use them when sending e-mails (see page 94).

:-)	I'm smiling, or happy
;-)	I'm winking, or joking
:-D	I'm laughing
:'-(	I'm crying
:-'''(	now I'm really upset
:'-D	I'm crying with laughter

:-(	I'm sad, or disappointed
:-C	now I'm really sad
:-I	I couldn't care less
:-*	I'm clowning around
:-X	I'm kissing you
:-X	I'm snogging you
I-O	I'm bored now
:-O	oops!

:=(	I've got two noses!
:_(	someone just punched me on the nose
.-(	I've lost a contact lens
:-Ш	I'm lying, speaking with a forked tongue
>;-)	I just had an evil thought
:-P	bleahhhh! (tongue sticking out)

Madicons

Once you've mastered the basics, you can add to and combine emoticons. There are no limits...
Do you recognize these faces?

~(_8^(I)	Homer Simpson
@@@@8-)	Marge Simpson
[@@@@8-)	Marge Simpson with a Walkman
3:-)	Bart Simpson

{8-) Lisa Simpson

[8-* Maggie Simpson

Who's calling?

.o+I(=:	a ballerina
+-(:-)>+	the Pope
:-[	a vampire
0:-)	an angel
0:-[	Angel from "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
:-E	a buck-toothed vampire

+<#^U	a knight
..._(:)-)	a scuba diver
..._( )-(	a scuba diver with broken mask
-(D)	an astronaut
*<:-)	Santa Claus
3:*>	Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer

Cartoon callers

{:<>	Daffy Duck
8(:-)	Mickey Mouse
:----)	Pinnochio
7:n)	Fred Flintstone
~8-)	Harry Potter
>8o!...	Bugs Bunny with carrot
IIII8^)X	The Cat in the Hat

(*-*)	Pokémon
(o^-^o)	Pikachu
(((-_-)))	Cartman
(((> <)))	Kenny
[:=I]	Frankenstein
(>:[X	Count Dracula
]B-)	Batman

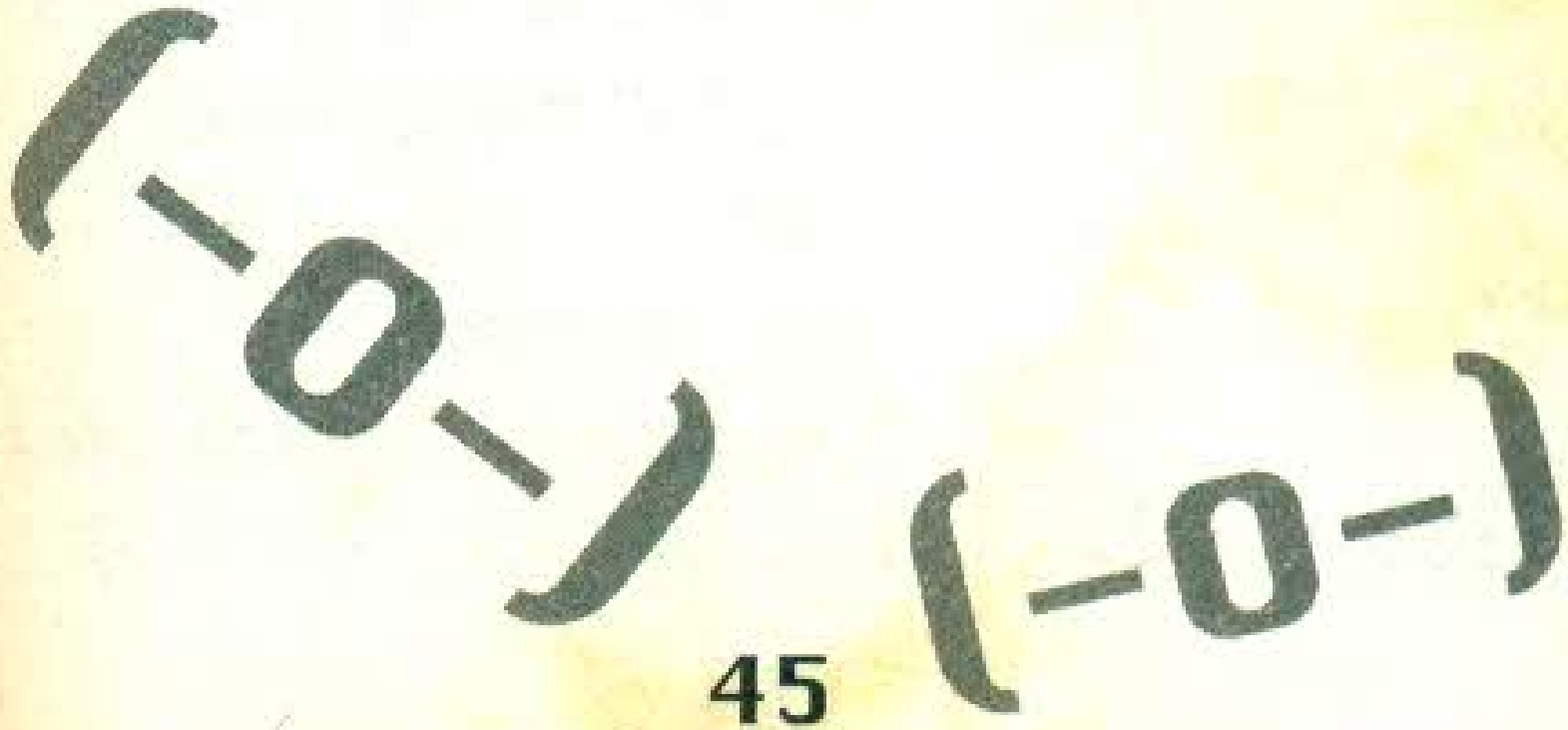
Out of this world

>(::o>	an alien
(-o-)	an Imperial TIE Fighter
>>>:-1	a Klingon
-\\//	the Klingon salute "Go forth and prosper"
/:-I	Mr. Spock
=-0	the starship Enterprise

=-0 * * * the Enterprise firing photon torpedoes

=-0~~~~ the Enterprise firing phasers

:-)~~~~~~< "Beam me up, Scotty!"



Full on @(*0*)@

Some emoticons can be viewed front on.

(-_-)	this is me
(>_<)	I'm angry
(=_=)	I'm sleepy
(*_*)	I'm falling in love
(@_@)	boggle-eyed
(((o-o)))	I've got my hood up

'\=o-o=/'	I'm wearing glasses
(^o^)	I'm singing joyously
(^.^)/	waving hello
(;.;)/~	waving goodbye
~// (^o^) /~/~	an octopus
@(*0*)@	a koala bear
(0ᴗ0)	an owl

Off the wall

_____m_oLo_m___
a person spying over a wall

_____m_____m____
a very short person spying over a wall

___m___oLo___?___
Captain Hook spying over a wall

___\/_**oo**_\/_
a crab spying over a wall

_____,_____
an ant on a wall

_____2_____
a duck on a wall

____2_22222___
a duck and her ducklings on a wall

—,,, ^ .. ^ ,,,—
a cat looking over a wall

Animal magic

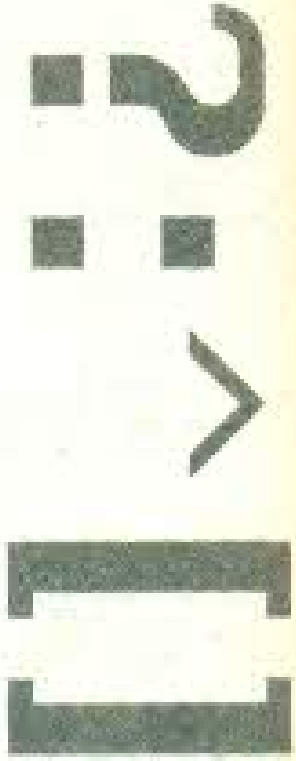
:@)	a pig
}:-o	a cow
:<=	a walrus
<:3)~~~	a mouse
})I([	a butterfly
>-^);>	a fish
{:U	a duck

>-8~~~~~~~ a snake

>-8888oooo))))
a rattlesnake

<:>== a turkey

Hall of fame



/:=(	Adolf Hitler
cl:-=X	Charlie Chaplin
c8<]	Darth Vader
5:-)	Elvis
(0)	Posh Spice (full on)
(*0	Sporty Spice (full on)
(*0*)	Baby Spice (full on)

%%0%% Scary Spice (full on)

Ginger Spice

:-.) Marilyn Monroe,
or Cindy Crawford

8(:-) 8 Britney Spears as a
Mousekateer

//o-o\\ John Lennon (full on)

?:^[] Jim Carrey, Ace Ventura

Fashion crime

d:-)	I'm wearing a baseball cap
q:-)	I'm wearing a baseball cap backwards
X<:-)	I'm wearing a propeller-head beanie
*<o'u	I'm wearing a bobble hat (profile)
@:-)	I'm wearing a turban

<<<<<<I:-) I couldn't decide which hat to wear so I wore them all

8-) I'm wearing goggles

-) I should have worn goggles!

:-)# I'm wearing a false beard

[:-) I'm wearing a Walkman

]-)	I'm wearing sunglasses
B-)	I'm wearing cheap sunglasses
(B:-)	I'm wearing cheap sunglasses on my head
P-(	my sunglasses are so cheap they broke
%-(	now my sunglasses are completely broken
:-)K~	I'm wearing a tie

;-)K/////X> I'm wearing a really loud tie

:-)>~ do I look cool with this goatee?

:-~(I've got a cold

':-o oops, I shaved off an eyebrow

Whoa, bad hair day!

#:-(	I just woke up like this
}:-(	I've got a serious centre parting
?:-U	I've parted my hair on the right
=:-(	the hairdresser gave me a Mohican haircut
,:-(	I've just had a really serious haircut

(:-o	I've been scalped!
~-)	my fringe grew too long
{(:-)	I'm wearing a toupee
}(:-(	I'm wearing a toupee and it's windy
S:-(	oops, too much hairspray
3:-o	way too much gel

Hot4U

Hot4U

For anyone smooching their honey, here's a mixture of acronyms, abbreviations and emoticons to keep you loved up.

AML all my love

Bf boyfriend

BGWM be gentle with me

CSThnknAU can't stop thinking about you

CUL8r see you later

CW2CU can't wait to see you

4EvrYrs forever yours

Gf girlfriend

GGFN gotta go for now

GMTA great minds think alike

GrOvBAB! groovy baby!

HDEpIYLuv? how deep is your love?

HOHIL head over heels in love

HotLuv hot love

Hot4U hot for you

HotX3 (feeling) hot, hot, hot

H&K hugs and kisses

ICWenUXMe**
I see stars when you kiss me

IJC2SaILuvU

I just called to say I love you

ILuvU I love you

ILuvUMED

I love you more each day

IMBLuv it must be love

IOHiis4U I only have eyes for you

IOWan2BWU

I only want to be with you

IWanU	I want you
IWLAlwysLuvU	I will always love you
KOTC	a kiss on the cheeks
KOTL	a kiss on the lips
LuvYa	love you
OBAB	oh baby
PM	private message

QT	cutie
SRy	sorry
SWALK	sent with a loving kiss
TOY	thinking of you
TruLuv	true love
TTYL8r	talk to you later
URT1	you are the one
U+Me=Luv	you + me = love

WYWH	wish you were here
X	kiss
XMeQk	kiss me quick
XoXoXo	hugs and kisses
:-*	I am sending you kisses
((H))	big hug
(:-*	wish we were kissing
:-()-:	give me a snog

:-X I'm sending you a big wet kiss

<3 I love you (heart)

:-p :-q :-p :-q
I'm licking my lips at the thought of seeing you (sequence)

((((((((name)))))))) hug

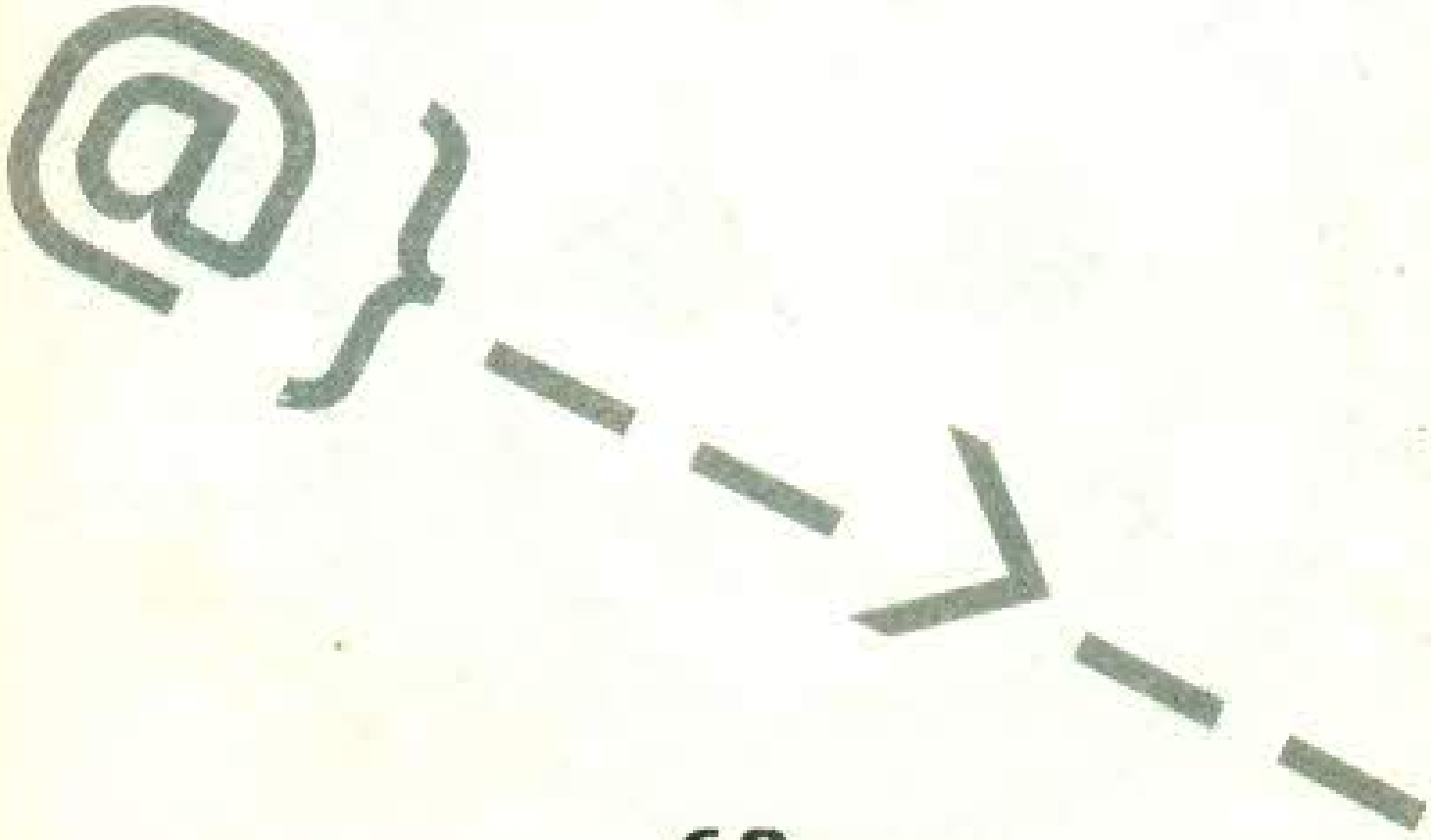
@}-->-- a rose

:-)(-: best friends

:-{}-: special friends

:-)I(-: I love myself (looking in mirror)

:-) (-: + :-o o-: + :-p d-: serious kissing (sequence)



I H8 U

IH8U

Don't get mad, get even. Here are a mixture of acronyms, abbreviations and emoticons to help you get your own back.

BItMe bite me

CIO cut it out

CrEp creep

DngBt dingbat

Drk dork

EMS eat my shorts

EtYa<3Out
eat your heart out

FngusFAc fungus face

GAL get a life

GL get lost

GoBak2YaPlnt
go back to your planet

KISS keep it simple, stupid

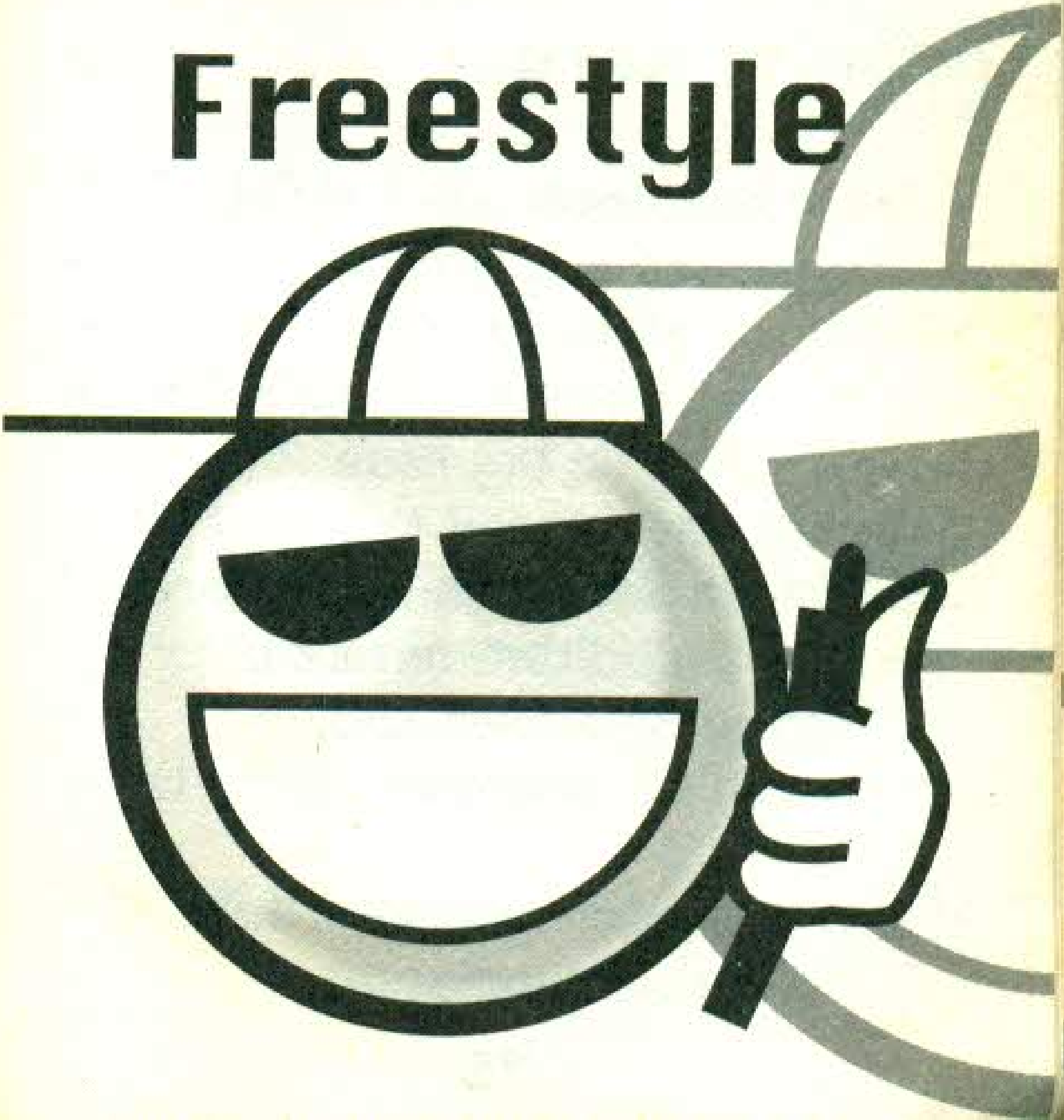
KItz	klutz
LMA	leave me alone
SaDo	saddo
ScZBg	scuzzbag
TOrg	toe-rag
:-%(%	you have a spot problem
(::::[]::::)	you should put a plaster over your spots

>[:-)	you watch too much TV, get a life!
:-)))	you've got a fat face
:-)~	you dribbling idiot
:-)~~~0	you dribble so much you've made a puddle
::-)	four-eyes
+-)	you're cross-eyed
:^)	you've got a big nose

:/\)	you've got a really big nose
:0)	whoa! that's some nose
:~(	who broke your nose?
:-(=)	you've got goofy teeth
:-(#)	I love your braces
I:-)	you should pluck your eyebrows
$-)	you're a spoilt brat

<:-o	you're dumb
***:o)**	bozo
<0_/_	you worm
:-o zzz	you bore me
@!*%&!	(well, we all know what that means...)

Freestyle



Freestyle

Here are some far-fetched, fantasy emoticons.

:'---(	I'm sad because I have a big nose
:-D*	I'm laughing so hard I didn't notice a 5-legged spider crawling up my lip
>]}	a dragon wearing sunglasses

>8-0-(&)< the doctor just told me I've got an alien in my stomach

}:^#}) I'm happy even though my toupee is blowing off, and I have a bushy moustache, a pointy nose and a double chin

@@@@:-{) Marge Simpson with a moustache

(X0III)	get me a double burger with lettuce and tomato, please
(-::-)	Siamese twins
~oE]:-I	a fishseller with a basket on his head containing a three-legged octopus that is giving off smell rays
>:-[--<9	a girl who has found a squirrel climbing up her skirt

c=};-{Ø)) a chef with a wig in an updraft, a moustache and a double chin.

@:-[a vampire wearing a turban

}:~#}) a person with a bushy moustache, an ugly nose and a double-chin

{I^x~ someone with a severe centre parting, kissing and dribbling

<'-?	someone with one winking eye, who is smoking a pipe
:-):-)	déjà vu
:U:-I	someone who doesn't realize there is an alligator on her head
[B-~[	a vampire with a Walkman, sunglasses and a bad cold

SIGNING OFF

Signing off

Once you've composed the perfect message, made your friends laugh, cry or cry with laughter, it's time to sign off. Develop your own personalized signature emoticon to add to all your messages.

How about doing "full body" emoticons like the ones below.

0=-<= someone wearing a turtle neck sweater and a mini skirt

~oE]=	someone whose hair is standing up on end
@O-E<=	someone with their hair in a bun
B-)-[<	someone dressed for the beach in sunglasses and swimming trunks
:-o->-<	someone being held at gunpoint with their hands in the air

+]:)I->-< the king of the universe

*I:^)(.)(...) love from Frosty the Snowman

(: (= someone wearing a ghost costume

<I:-)->-< someone ready to party in a party hat

-<:-o->-< someone looking a bit stupid with a lampshade on their head

<:-)<<<<I	someone who is on their way to the Moon
0-S-<	someone in a hurry
0-Z-<	someone in a big hurry
:-) >=>	a bookworm
___/\o_	a keen swimmer
o>8<I=	message for girls only
o....!!!!	bye, I've gone bowling

Ova2U

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0ʋa2U

Why not make up and jot down some of your own emoticons, acronyms and text abbreviations?

Texters on the Net

Mobile phones are not the only means of sending text messages. On the Internet you can use txt tlk in lots of different ways.
You can use all the acronyms, abbreviations and emoticons covered in this book in on-line chat of all kinds, including in e-mails and in chat rooms.
Many websites offer free text messaging services with which you can send messages from your computer straight to someone's mobile phone.

UCnHlp

People are inventing text abbreviations and emoticons all the time, so we are constantly adding to our files to keep right up to date. If you and your friends use any short cuts that aren't in this book, or you think up some brilliant ones yourself, let us know about them.

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